

The most wonderfull

and true storie, of a certaine Witch
named *Alse Gooderigo* of *Stapen hill*,
who was arraigned and conuicted at *Darbie*
at the *Assises* there.

*As also a true report of the strange torments of Thomas
Darling, a boy of thirteene yeres of age, that was pos-
sessed by the Deuill, with his horrible fittes and terri-
ble Apparitions by him vttered at Burton vpon
Trent in the Countie of Stafford, and of his maruel-
lous detiuerance.*



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The most wonderful

and rarest of all
the world's wonders
is the power of the
human mind.

It is the power of the
human mind that has
created the world we
live in today.



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I me hath proued that by experience (Christian Reader) which *S. Iohn* by the spirit of Prophecie foretewed; *The Diuel* (saith he) *hath great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time*: for this Prophecie is fulfilled, not only in the outrageous fury that *Sathan* vseth in raising persecution against Gods Saints, by his mischieuous instruments, & corrupting mens minds by his wicked suggestions, but also in tyrannizing, according to his limited power ouer them by torments. This first kind of cruelty the former Ages haue felt whē the third part of the Sunne, and the Moone, and the Stars were smitten by the Roman Dragon, and stinged by the Turkish scorpions, and other locusts of the like stamp: the other maner of villany hath shewed her fruites too plentifully in this our age in the cooling of Charitie, & quenching of the Spirit, that our Sautours Prophecie (which cannot be farre off) may be fulfilled, *When the Sonne of man commeth, shal he find faith on the earth?* And this last kind of tiranny is too aparant amongst other instances, in the pittifull vexing of this poore distressed child: And as the Holie-ghost hath left such conflicts for the spiritual warfare of his children, so hath he not left them without weapōs to withstand the fury of their enemies: for in temporal persecutions & afflictions they haue Patience for their buckler, that they may learne to say of them with *Iob*, *Blessed be the name of the Lord*: and in all maner of temptations of *Sathan*, they haue the whole armor of God, yea and those weapons that are able to ouerthrow the Duels strongest holdes, as shal well appeare euen in this small Treatise. Concerning the strangeness thereof, it is left to thy consideration (gentle Reader) and for the trueth of it, it should

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be called in question, as not vnlike (for the abundaunce of false and friuolous deuises, broched in these dayes, a thing much to be lamented, do oft times abridge trueth of her credit) besides that for the particulars, a hundred more witnesses might be produced, than are here inserted, and diuers of them of good woorth and credite, the matter it selfe is well knowne to the right Honourable sir *Edmund Anderson* Knight, Lord chiefe Iustice of the common plees, as being voluntarily confessed to him by the Witch, who was vpon the same arraigned and convicted before his H. at Darby, and therefore is not lightly to be excepted against. Besides also, that it was compiled by a priuate Christian & man of trade, who being with the boy almost in all his fits, did both take notes at the present of all that was doone and spoken, and conferred also afterward with the witnesses of best iudgement and credit, that he might be sure of that which hee had set downe. In a worde, I thinke there can scarcely be any instance shewed (the holy Scriptures excepted) whereby both the peeuish opinion, that there are no witches, and the Popish assertion that only their priests can dispossesse, may be better controlled than by this. The first kind of people, I rather thinke are to be pittied, than confuted, daily experience crying out against their follic. The other may heereby see their too peremptorie conclusions ouerthrowne, since he whose aduise & help was vsed in this matter, is very well knowne to bee a faithfull preacher of the Gospel, and so consequently an enemy to Poperie; wishing thee therefore so to regarde it as for the trueth and weight thereof it shal deserue, and to reape such fruit by it, as being well regarded it may yeelde, I bid thee farewell in Christ.

I. D. *and*



A report of the torments and deliuerance of *Thomas Darling*, (a Boy of thirteene yeares of age) that was possessed by *Sathan*, at *Burton vpon Trent*.



Don Waterday (being the xxii. of . 1595 .
februarie) Robert Toone
(dwelling in Burton vpon Trent
in the Countie of Stafford) going
to Winsell Wood (which is
distant from Burton about half a
myle) to hunt the hare, took the
Boy with him; and being earnest in following his game,
lost him: who (after he had a while wandred vp & downe,
and could not finde his Uncle) returned home to his uncles
house, where he sojourned. Being come home, he waxed
heauie, and afterward grew to be verie sicke, vomiting &
cassing vp what he had eaten at dinner: and so was got to
bed. The next morning hee had soze fits, with extreame
vomittings, that all which sawe him, iudged it to bee some
strange ague. In the time of this extremitie in these hys
fits, he would manie times popnt with his hand, saying;
Looke where greene Angels stand in the window, and not
long after would often complaine, that a green Cat trou-
bled him: which thing was iudged by his friends to pro-
ceede of lightnes in his head; manie other things fell out
also in these times worthe the noting, whereof (in respect
of the vnerpected euent) there was no note kept. His sick-

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nes waxing more vehement, his Aunt went to a Physician
 with his vyne: who said he saw no signes of anie natural
 disease in the Child, vnles it were the wormes. His sick-
 nes still increasing (notwithstanding anie thing prescribed
 or ministered) he went againe with his vyne to the Physi-
 cian; who iudged as before, saying further, he doubted that
 the Child was bewitched: which shee (holding incredi-
 ble) imparted it to no bodie; rather imagining it to bee
 (though some strange, yet) a naturall disease: as diuers
 also iudged it to bee the falling sickness, by reason that it
 was no continuall distemperature, but came by fits, with
 sodaine staring, striding and struggling verie fiercely, and
 falling downe with soe vomits; also it tooke awape the
 vse of his legs, so that he was faine to bee carried vp and
 downe, saue in his fits, for then hee was nimble enough.
 How hee spent the time betwene his fits, it is woorth the
 obseruing; his exercises were such as might well haue be-
 seemed one of riper yeares; wherein he shewed the frutes
 of his education, which was religious and godly. With
 those that were good Christians he tooke great pleasure to
 conferre; to whom he would signifie his daily expectation
 of death, and his resolute readinesse to leaue the world,
 and to be with Christ: and all his loue to the world, he said
 + extended thus farre, that (if God had so been pleased) he
might haue liued to be a preacher to thunder out the threa-
tenings of Gods word, against sinne and all abhominati-
ons, wherewith these dayes doo abound, In these fits and
such like speeches, he continued till Mid-lent Sunday, be-
ing the xxi. of March. That day (belies that his wonted
fit tooke him) he began in other and more strange maner
to bee vexed: for hee swayed downe as one in a swoone.
 Foorthwith they tooke him vp, and layd him vpon a bed:
 where (hauing layne some smal space) he arose vp sodain-
 ly, striding and struggling in such sort, that it was enough
 for two or thre to hold him. When fell hee sodainly vpon
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his backe, and (lying in such manner) rayled by his leggs one after the other so stiffly, that the standers by could not bowe them in the harnie: and thus continuing a while with greuous roaring, at last he rayled himselfe by on his feete and his head, his belly standing by much above his head of feete, continuing so a litle space he fell downe by on his backe groning verie pittifully. Then rising up, he ran round on his hands and his feete, keeping a certaine compasse: after that strutting and strugling with groning, he fel a vomiting, and then coming to himselfe, saide, the Lordes name bee praised. This was the first fit that hee had; and after this maner was hee ordinarily handled during the time of his possession (saue that hee did seldom runne round in that manner that is aforesaid:) which being thus ended, he fell upon his knees sodainely to pray, and that so pitifully that the standers by wondered thereat, as much as they did at his strange visitation, heeing no lesse comforted by the one, than they were before greued at the other.

The next day hee hadde many fittes, in the which hee woulde often point at a greene Carte that troubled him, and still intreated his friends that were present to pray for him. Betweene his fittes he requested them to reade the scriptures, which when they could not doe for weeping to behold his miserie, they said (at the hopes request) for one Iesse Bee that doth dwell in Burton upon Trent, who tooke the notes of the whole matter, and him the Boy after some speeches intreated to read where he would: who read the xi. Chapter according to S^t. Iohn, till hee came to the fourth verse, at which time the Boy was overthrown into a fit like the former: which was lasted commonly about halfe a quarter of an houre. Hee continued reading the xii. and xiii. of Iohns Gospell, and the first & second of the Revelation. During which time, his fittes continued one in the necke of another.

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Which ending with a vomit, hee vsed to saye *The Lordes*
name be praised: and manie times, *Lord Iesu receiue my*
soule. When lesle either ceased to speake of anie comfort-
 able matter, or to read the scriptures, the Boy was qui-
 et from his fits: but when he was so religiously occupied,
 they came thicke vpon him; which lesle Bee considering
 and obseruing, told the Bopes Aunt he suspected that the
 Boy was bewitched. Upon which occasion, (though he
 doubted of the matter) he told him as befoze, both her go-
 ing to the Visitation and the Visitations iudgement concer-
 ning the Bopes sicknesse, which he ouer-hearing, yet said
 nothing. The next morning, he said vnto the maide that
 made him reddie, I heard my Aunt tell lesle Bee, that I
 was bewitched: the same Saturday that my sicknes took
 me, I lost my Auncle in the Wood, and in the Coppice I
 met a little old woman; she had a gray gown with a black
 fringe about the cape, a broad thymd hat, and three warts
 on her face: I haue seene her begging at our dooze, as
 for her name I knowit not, but by sight I can know her
 againe. As I passed by her in the Coppice, I chanced (a-
 gainst my will) to let a scape; which shee taking in anger
 sayd, Gyp with a mischief, and fere with a bell: I wil
 goe to heauen, and thou shalt goe to hell; and forthwith
 she stooped to the ground. I stood still and looked at her,
 viewing euerie part of her, merruiling what shee stooped
 for; so I came home, and she went to Wyntell. Detemp-
 on a more vehement suspicion arising, some iudged it to be
 the Witch of Scapen-hill: others, because she was olde
 and went little abroad, rather thought it to be Alice Goo-
 deridge her daughter, who was hauing great suspicion of
 manie to bee a doer in those diuillish practices, as after-
 ward it proved. Thus the Bopes fits continued daily from
 the 23. of March till the eight of Aprill, to the great trou-
 ble of his Aunt in looking to him, and attending on such
 as came to see him, whereof manie were of verie good ac-
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count. When in his fittes hee was deprived of the vse of speech, hee would make signes of praying, with folded hands, sometime lifting them vp, and sometime striking them vpon his breast: oft times also in these fittes, he would sodainly and amazedly open his eyes, staring and striking most pittifully, clapping both his hands vpon his face, not being able to indure the sight of such fearfull objects as he beheld. On this manner was he tormented in the day, and had reasonable good rest in the night, except through some fearfull dreames; whereunto he was much subiect. Being asked if hee could remember what hee did when hee made such signes? He answered, that sometimes he prayed, and sometimes the Cat tossed him vp & downe in a string. And thus for a good space he could remember, & readily make relation of his troubles.

The Thurbape before Easter (being the 8. of April) there came to see the Boye Mistris Walkeden of Clifton his Grandmother, and Mistris Saunders his Aunt; to whom when it was told what the Boy said concerning the meeting of a woman in the wood, Mistris Walkeden (vpon the Witches cursing, the Boyes loosing sickness, his strange handling, & the Physicians iudgement) thought it more than probable that the Boy was bewitched: and by the markes that he had taken, perceiued that it was Alice Gooderidge which had thus bewitched him; yet making conscience to accuse her till it appeared vpon sure prooffe, sent for her into the Towne to talke with her privately. When (with much ado) she was come, they brought her into the chamber where the Boy was; at which time, the Boy fell sodainly into a marvellous sore fit: which being ended, Mistris Walkeden asked her if she knew that boy? She answered she knew him not. Many other questions were asked; but in vaine, for she would not confesse any thing. Some of the Standers by, perswaded the Boye to scratch her: which he did vpon the face, and the back of the

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hands, so that h^e blood came out apace: He stroked the back of her hand vpon the child, saying; take blood enough child, God helpe thee. To whom the Boy answered; praye for thy selfe, thy prayer can do more good. Here by the way touching this use of scratching the witch: though it be commonly receiued as an approued meanes to discry h^e witch, and procure ease to the bewitched; yet seeing that neither by anie naturall cause, or supernaturall warrant of Gods word it hath anie such vertue giuen vnto it; it is to be re- ceaued amongst the witchcraftes, whereof there bee great hope vfed in our Land, to the great dishon^{or} of God. But to our matter. When Robert Toone the Bopes Uncle and his Schoolmaster saw that mistres Walkeden could nothing preuaile with this bad woman, they took her aside; to whom (after many questions) he granted, that she was in the Wood that Saturday which the Boy spake of, and that she saw no boy but Sherratts hope. Further they demanded of her when she receiued the Communion? She sayd, a twelue month agoe. And asking what he receiued? She answered; her damnation. They asked her whether she knew what she said? She answered againe, what shuld I receiue but my damnation? They caused her to say the Lords Prayer and the Creed, which she huddled vp wth much adoo: but when she came to these words in h^e Lords Prayer, *And lead vs not into temptation*; and in the Creed either to Iesus Christ, The Holy Ghost, or The Catholicke Church, she would not say anie of those words. After these examinations, she departed to her owne house. The next day he had manie sore fits; in the which because he would rlap his hands on his face, and w^{ke} pittifully, they asked him the reason thereof at the end of his fit? He answered that the greene Cat which hee saw had eyes like flames of fire; and that caused him thus fearfully to hide his eyes: & that his paine (which he indured) was very greenous, like the pricking with daggers or stinging of Bees, which can-
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sed his crying. As this his veratio moued many that came to see him to shed teares, so did it not a little greeue hys Uncle Toone; who seeing these fits to increase, thought it good that the Witch were brought befoze a Justice: and so went with Iesse Bee (the 10. of April) befoze M. Tho: Grayley Esquire and Justice of Peace, craving his Precept to that purpose: which he granted, & directed it to the Constable of Stapen-hill, to bring both this Alice Gooderidge (which was almost 60. yeres of age) and old Elizabeth Wright also, mother to this Alice; who had bin 4. or 5. times befoze him on suspicion of many such crimes. The Precept thus graunted forth, they were brought befoze M. Grayley; to whom shee would confesse nothing, saue that she met a Boy (which she thought to be Sheratts boy, who had broken her a basket full of egges) in Abels Close, and (sayd shee) if my wordes did him anie hurt, I am sorry; but that word Bell shee did not remember that she said. The next morning when the Boy should rise, his shirt was knit on diuers knots betwixt his legs: and being asked how that came? He said he could not tell. All that day he continued in senseless fits, with grievous groaning and fearfull screaming, crying out; looke where the Witch standeth with three warts vpon her face.

The next morning (being Saturday) about six of the Clocke (at which time, his Keepers thinking not the power of his fits to be come, tooke no great care of looking to him) he was vpon the sodaine throwne vnder the bedde, crying fearfully; Flames of fire, flames of fire. Forthwith he got vpon the bed, being fearfull and amazed in his countenance. About foure of the clocke (at which tyme his fittes were wont to leaue him) they did now take him in wonderfull fierce manner till midnight, with greater extremitie than at anie time befoze, hauing sildome more intermission than to vomit and saue (as it was his vsuall manner in most extreanities) The Lord bee praised. In

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these fits he shrieked pittifully and fearfully, desiring them to take away the blacke Cat. Both now, and most times he made signes of prayer with folded hands, striking vpon his breast.

Apr. 29. The 14. of April Sir Humphrey Ferrers and Master Grayley met at Robert Toones, who caused therether to bee brought Elizabeth Wright and Alice Croderidge, together with her husband and daughter. Master Grayley (after some questions concerning his fits) commanded that the Bible should be deliuered into the boyes handes; who began to read the first Chap. of S. Johns Gospel, till he came to the 4. verse: at which place (when he read) hee was ouerthrowne into a most cruell fit. Presently after which, the old woman Eliza. Wright came into Robert Toones house; which so soone as M. Grayley vnderstood, he caused her to be brought into the parlor where the Child was: but she was verie vnwilling to come in, crying, Alas that euer I was borne, what shall I doo: M. Grayley spake loud to her, asking if she could do the boy anye good: She answered that her daughter had that at home, that she should doo good with. He caused her (with much adoo) to looke vpon the boy: which as soone as euer shee did, she fell into a strange and cruell fit: Lying vppon hys backe, his eyes standing staring open in fearfull manner, his teeth set in his head, his armes clapped close to his sides, and all the parts of his bodie quaking verie fearfully. M. Grayley had her kneele downe and pray for him; which shee did, but so as no bodie could vnderstand what she sayd. Whilst she prayed, the fit continued, and therefore they thrust her out of doores; which beeing done, the boyes fit ended presently. S. Humphrey and M. Grayley agreed, that certaine women should search the mother & the daughter seuerally, to see if they could finde any such marks on them, as are vsually found on witches. The old woman they stript & found behind her right Shoulder a thing much

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much like the bdder of an ewe that giueth sucke with two teates, like vnto two great wartes, the one behinde vnder her armehole, the other a handfull off towards the top of her shoulder: which when they had found, they put on her cloths againe, leauing the place bare, that it might be sern both of sir Humfrey, maister Graisley, and diuers others of good worth, as inbede it was. They bade her say the Lords prayer, which she hubled by after her manner leauing out these wordes still vnsaide, *And leade vs not into temptation*: being then demanded how long she had those teates, she aunswered she was bozne so. Then did they searce Alice Gooderige, and found vpon her belly, a hole of the bignesse of two pence, fresh and bloudy, as though some great wart had beene cut off the place. The Iustices examined her concerning the bewitching of the Boy, but she would confesse nothing. Then sir Humfrey tooke her to the boy, and asked him whether this were shee that thus bewitched him: he answered that it was surely shee: then did sir Humfrey bid him scratch her, which when the boy offered to do, his hand was presently benumbed and pluckt to his side, and he tormented in euery part: foure seuerall times he assaied to do this, but stil with like succes; he was bidden to lay his hand on the standers by, which he did without difficultie. Then proceeded they in examining her concerning her hurt: she said that she went to fetch a little meale on Easter euen sooth of the chamber, and coming downe a ladder, her foote slipped, and she hauing a knife in her hand, thrust herselfe into the bellie: they asked the iudgement of a Surgeon, whose aunswere was, that it was like to haue bene so a long time, for it was not festered, and seemed to be sucken. Sir Humfrey charged her with Witchcraft about one Michaels Cow: which Cow when shee brake all thinges that they tied her in, ranne to this Alice Gooderige her house, scraping at the walls and windowes to haue come in: her olde mother Eliza-

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beth Wright, tooke vpon her to help; vpon condition that she might haue a peny to bestow vpon her god, and so she came to the mans house kneeled downe before the Cow, crossed her with a sticke in the forehead, and prayed to her god, since which time the Cow continued wel. With this she was vrged by the Iustices, and with the hurt vppon her bellie, howe it coulde be so, and her clothes not cutte, whereunto she made shifting answers, to no purpose. Then put they her aside, and examined Oliuer Gooderidge her husband, and her daughter also, who were found to disagree in their tales concerning that matter: whereupon sir Humfrey committed her to Darbie Gaole, but dismissed her mother.

The next day the boy had a very greenous fit, in which lying still a while, hee beganne to throw vp both his feete sodainely, beating them against the ground with great vehemencie, and at length being in a traunce, he spake saying, Dost thou say thou art my god, and that I am thy sonne? Auoyde Sathan, there is no God saue the Lord of hosts. Pawzing a while, at last he said againe, And wilt thou haue me worship a moulten calfe? I will worship nothing but the Lord God, and him only wil I serue. Again being silent awhile, he saide; Wilt thou giue mee thee towne if I will worship thee? Auoyde Sathan, it is written, I shall worship the Lord God onely. And dost thou say, that if I wil not worship thee, thou wilt torment me thee times moze; if thou torment me thee hundred times, yet canst thou not touch my soule. After this hee was tormented thee seuerall times ouer euery part of his body, which being ended, he desired to go to the windowe, to refresh himselfe, being hote and faint: there he prayed God for his mercies, telling them that stood by, If Sathan came againe, hee would aske him many questions, and charge him with many things, for he remembered what he had spoken aswel as any that was present: hauing thus
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rested about a quarter of an houre, hee was throwne into
 two seuerall fires, matchable with the former in crueltie,
 and at the last spake saying, I charge thee by the liuing
 God to tell me who sent thee. Dost thou tell me thy mi-
 stris sent thee? What is thy mistris name? Dost thou
 say thou wilt not tell mee before to morrow? And why I
 pray thee wilt thou not? Dost thou say thou wilt torment
 me twice more? Do thy worst, my hope is in the liuing
 God, and he will deliuer me out of thy hands: hauing spo-
 ken these words he was cast into two seuerall fires like to
 the former; which being ended, he desired the standers by
 to ioyne with him in humble and heartie prayer, and so fell
 vpon his knees, praising God, for that he had somewhat
 reuealed his enemye Satan vnto him, and beseeching him
 to continue his goodnesse in manifesting him more plain-
 ly. The standers by asked him what he heard & saw in these
 sharp conflicts (for they neither saw nor heard any thing,
 but him replying & answering) he told them that the great
 Cat tossed him vp and downe in a string, and that a thing
 spake to him with a voice small and still. The next daie
 about nine of the clocke he was cast into a greuous fire,
 and being cast vpon his backe, was bereft of al vse of anie
 part of his bodie, and at the length spake saying: Dost
 thou say I am thy sonne? I am none of thine, I am the
 poore seruant of the Lord of hostes: and pausing a while,
 he said, Dost thou offer me a kingdome, if I will worship
 thee? I will none of thy kingdome, for it is but earthly.
 The Lord hath reserved for me a kingdome in heauen. I
 charge thee thou diuell, In the name of the Father, of the
 Sonne, and of the holy ghost to tel me what is thy name.
 Dost thou tell me that thy name is Wrythe? I charge
 thee tell me, what is thy mistresse name? Dost thou say
 none? thou hast alwayes bene a liar, and the father of lies,
 and dost thou say, that vilesse I will worship thee thou
 wilt torment mee three times more than thou diddest
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before, if thou torment me 3000. times more, my faith is so strong, that I will worship none but the living God. These wordes being finished, he was cast into three severall fittes, with all the former torments, drawing together his ioynts and sinewes, and writhing him, with tossing and turning him very round most pittifully; these fits and speeches continued about halfe an houre. After this, hee was cast into another fit, his eies closed vp, his legges lifted vp as stiffe as staves, and al his senses taken from him; which fit ceasing, he was well, till twelue of the clocke at noone, and then was cast into another fit, lying flat vpon his backe, and lifting his feete vp: at last he saide, Dooſt thou say thou wilt giue me a pallace, and make me a king if I will worship thee? Auoyde Satan, I will worship the Lord onely. Dooſt thou say thou wilt mitigate my torments, if I will worship thee? Auoyde Satan, I will worship none, saue onely the Lord God my Saviour, my sanctifier and redeemer. Dooſt thou say, that if I will not worship thee, thou wilt torment me thrice? Do thy worst Satan, my faith standeth sure with my God, at whose hands I looke for succour. Having vttered these and some other such wordes, hee was cast into three severall cruell fittes; after the which he had rest till two of the clocke, at which time there came diuers worshipfull personages, of purpose to behold the maner of the childe so strange behaving; they caused him to reade vpon the bible, which caused Satan to rage, so that he was cast into a fit terribly tormented and vexed, as that it did much humble the beholders, and mooue them to commiseration and pittie, for the childe so distressed estate. While these things hapned, it was reported, that the old witch Elizabeth Wright was in the towne, a thing somewhat rare; for it is thought, that (except at the time of her former examination) shee was not so farre in halfe a yere before: presently they sent for her.

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In the meane season came in maister Bagot the ponger of Blichfield, wishing to be an eye witness of these strange reports, requesting the boy to take the Bible and reade, he being unwilling to reade himselfe, wished lesse Bee to do so-much, which he did, and when he came to the 4. verse of the 1. chapter of S. Iohns gospel in these words, *In it was life, and the life was the light of the world*, the boy was ouerthrowne into a fit. About the end of which it was said that the witch was come, whome befoze they had sent for, so that she was presently brought in, and stript by certaine women, that they might see her suspected place: whilst they stripped her, she cursed the daie of her birth, making great outcries, and vsing bitter speeches against all that offered to accuse her. And being asked who brought her to Burton? she said, the diuell: being asked diuers questions she liked not, she would answere she did not heare. Such adoo they had to get her to come neare the boy, or to looke on him: and it had bin good for him if shee had neuer come at him, for so soone as she kneeled downe by him, and cast her eyes vpon him, he was sodainely taken with such a vehement fit, as befoze he had vpon the like occasion: This was more greuous than manie other; he lay vpon his backe, altogether deprived of the vse both of his members and senses, except his eyes, for they stood wide open very fearefull to the beholders: and all the partes of his body did quake and shake like Aspen leaues. Whilst shee was vpon her knees at her diuellish prayers, the child was greuously tormented, therefore they thrust her out of the doores. Which being done, he recovered himselfe, and his fit ended he said; *The Lord be praised*: Mistris Derbieke also of New-hall came in to beholde with others these strange sights, at whose request, when lesse Bee read the first chapter of the gospel after S. Iohn, and came to the 4. verse, the boy was cast into a fit like to those which befoze he had vpon the like occasion.

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In these his fittes, as also in those that he had after, hee could neither conceale what he said, or what Sathan saide to him. The next morning he had two fitts betwixt 8. and 12. of the clocke, at which time Haister Graissy came againe to see the child, and whilst he was there, there came in two men of Stapen hill, neere neighbors to Alice Gooderidge, who said they came from Darbie, and were intreated by her to tel Robert Toone, that if he would be good to her, she would reueale the whole truth of the matter: and further, they offered him their company thither on Monday, which was agreed vpon by the aduise of M. Graissy. But newes came, that there was one which being skillful in discerning of witches had bin with Alice Gooderidge at Darbie, and affirmed flatly that she was a witch, offering to make open triall of it, and to cure the boy. This offer Rob. Toone accepting of very willingly, a time was appointed for this mans comming thither. But to returne to the boy: about xi. of the clocke, he had a sore fit, with the increase of torments groaning very greiuously, and shrieking very pitifully, and being cast vpon his backe with his legs throwne out (as commonly he was) at the last hee uttered these words; Dost thou say that I am thy Champion: I wil be none of thy champion, I am the seruant of the Lord of hosts. What offerest thou me a bag of mony, if I wil worship thee? Quod Sathan, I wil none of thy mony, the Lord in heauen hath mony enough in store for me. And dost thou say thou wilt torment me twice moze grievously than before? Do thy worst Sathan, my trust is in the Lord God. Dost thou say thy Mistris will haue it so? I charge thee in the name of the father, &c. to tel me what thy mistris name is. Dost thou say thou wilt not reueale thy mistris: with that Sathan tormented him againe, the which going away with a vomit, his mother began to comfort him, exhorting him to put his trust in God: to whom he said, My whole trust is in him; for the Lord hath my enemy

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nimy in a chaine, and keepeth him in a compasse, which he shall not passe. And hauing remained well about halfe an houre, he was againe pittifully tormented, and at the last spake these wordes: Dooſt thou say thou wilt giue mee whatsoeuer I will aske thee if I will be thy Champion? I desie thee, and all that thou offerest me, I will be none of thy champion. I charge thee in the name of the liuing God to tell mee what thy Distresse name is. Saidst thou that thy Distresse hath giuen thee a drop of her blood to thy dinner, and that therefore thou wilt get no tales of her? And doost thou say my faith is but weake? Satan, it is too strong for thee to ouerthrowe. Dooſt thou saie thou wilt torment me worse than euer thou hast done? Do thou thy worst, my trust is in the Lord my God. Forthwith he was pittifully tormented: after which being asked what he saw he answered, the greene Cat (as he vsually told them) asking angrily, did not you see her? Oh quoth hee this hath bene a greuous torment to me. This ended, he desired being hot and faint with the extremitie of his torments, to be carried to the window to take the aire: where whilest he sate, there came in one, whose name He passe ouer in silence; and being a stranger, beganne to examine the boy concerning poeticall and other schoole points; the boy was wearie of his companie and conference, (as indeed he had great reason, being unfit for such an occasion) and desired to be carried into another chamber, the which was immediately done. But this supposed friend followed him, and renewed his former speeches, vettering also an oth that grieved the boy exceedingly. The mother vnderstanding it, came and asked what the stranger said to him that so troubled him? (for he wept pittifully) The partie himselfe answered before the boy, I spake no hurt to him. No (quod the child) you haue me I should not dissemble, saying that there was no witches: also you asked of me if I thought there were a god? God blesse me fro such comforters: I pray

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you al pray for me that the Lord would deliuer mee from this temptation: at which wordes speaking hee was overthrowne into a cruell fit; which beeing ended, that man which thought there was no witches departed. But master Eccarshall the Pastor of Burton being present staied still comforting the boy and his sorrowfull mother, persuading him that if Sathan spake to him again, he should not answer him, because he was a liar, and induoured by his wordes to make the boy beleue him; these things ended about two of the clocke, hee remained well till foure: then was he overthrowne into foure severall fits one presently after another; the last wherof was most intolerable, tossing and tormenting him very pittifully, it seemed by his looks and gestures that the euill spirit spake; but because of master Eccarshalls aduise, he kept a discontented silence, as he told afterward to his mother, but she aduised him, that if it should speake againe, he should not feare or forbear to answer it. About this time some meate was prepared for him, but before he could take it, he was overthrowne into a cruell fit; wherein after that Sathan had shewed a while his rage, he spake saying: Dost thou saie that I shal worship thee? I wil worshi, the Lord of hosts onlie, I charge thee. In the name of the father, of the sonne &c. to tell me what thy name is. Dost thou say thou wilt not tel me before to morrow: Thou art a liar, I haue euer found thee so, and I will not beleue thee. Dost thou saie thou wilt torment me far more grieuously than euer thou hast done? I care not for al that thou canst do vnto me: In the Lord is my trust, who will deliuer mee when his good pleasure is: presently Sathan tormented him according to his wonted maner. After that fit was ended, and he had a while bin quiet, Iesse Bee perswaded him to be coragious, to take vnto him the shield of faith, and to offer Sathan the combate. The childe finding himselfe strong in the Lord (whose assistance he had before obtained in his former conflicts)

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conflicts) condescended to his motion: so Iesse read the first
 chap. according to S. Iohn till he came to the 9. ver. *That
 light was the true light, &c.* at which words he was over-
 throwne into a meruailous sore fit; which vexed and tor-
 mented him in euerie part of his bodie; which being end-
 ed, Iesse asked him if he should read againe? The boy an-
 swered cheerefully, read on in Gods name: so he read til he
 came to the 13. verse *Which were borne not of blood, &c.*
 At these words he was throwne into grievous torments,
 like to the former: which ended, Iesse asked if he should
 read still? The boy answered, proceed in the name of God.
 Then read he the 14. ver. *The same Word became flesh, &c.*
 At which words he was tormented the third time; yet not
 so vehemently as before. He proceeding forward read till
 he came to the 17. ver. *The law was given by Moses, grace
 and truth came by Iesus Christ.* From whence he fell into the
 fourth fit, the feeblest of anie he per had; sathan no doubt
 finding his force quailing, and his fierie darts quenched.
 So Iesse read on, the Child cheerefully & attentively hear-
 kening till he had finished the chapter without anie trouble
 to him. The next day (among other fits) he had one much
 more vehement than the rest, his torments being increased
 and his strength so great, that two strong men were not a-
 ble to rule him. After this fit Iesse Bee said; Come Tho-
 mas, shall we prouoke him to battell? To whom the child
answered, yea verie willingly. So they looked for the Bi-
 ble, but the boyes Uncle had taken it to the Church. Then
 did the Boy desire Iesse to resolue him in this doubt, whe-
 ther it were hurtfull for one to eate or drinke before he re-
 ceive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Being sacrifi-
 ced concerning this Point, and casting downe his head to
 call to remembrance some thing else wherof he doubted, he
 was on the sodaine overthrowne into a grievous fit, groa-
 ning and screaming most pittifully, turning as round on
 all foute, as a pigge on a spit; and sodainly (but what the

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keepers could) he leaped vp to the top of the bed, catching hold on the tesselum with his hands & hanging by his armes, notwithstanding his eyes were closed by: & being in this case, he said; dost thou say I shall hear newes within these 2. or 3. dayes? I pray God it be good newes. He was at last cast into a trauance, uttering diuers such comfortable speeches, as in other his trauances he did. This day there came one to them, hauing been (of her owne accord) wth widdow Worthington the good Witch of Hoppers (as they call her) and told them, she said the Boy was bewitched; yet help him she could not, except his mother or some of his nearest friends came vnto her. The same answer was giuen by a Witch about Couentrey to another, looking for some helpe in the boyes behalfe. But the mother of the Child (detesting the diuells helpe) thanked those two for their kindnes towards hir, but sharply repprooued them for attempting a thing so vnlawfull. After these fits, he rested reasonable quiet til the next day: when as about one a clock (seeming verie well) he receiued some meate. But Sathan shewed himselfe to be a right sathan, euen a foie enemy to the Child, (enuying the good of his bodie; when he saw himselfe vnable to hurt his soule) did let his digesting of it (as manie times hee did) by casting him presently into diuers fits; which as (vsually all his fits did) lasting about halfe a quarter of an hower, ended with a vomit. Sparie that were Beholders of the Childes coments, little hoped that euer he could haue liued or recovered. But God be praised, that Satans power is limited by him who is Lord both of life and death.

When these Conflicts were ended, Iesse Bee said vnto him, Thomas shall we take the sword with two edges, and bid Sathan the Battayle? The Boye (being well acquainted with the phrase) answered; If you will read, I will gladly heare. So he read the first Chapter of S. Johns Gospell; wherby whilst he was reading; the childe was

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was ouerthrowne into three Fittes. After these Fitts, he was verie cheerefull, and desirous to haue the Booke, that hee might read himselfe : which hee did. And when hee came at the fifth verse of the first Chapter of the Reuelation (for that Chapter he read) he was ouerthrowne into a cruell Fitte : which beeing ended, hee gaue the Booke to Iesse Bee, intreating him earnestly to read on for ward. So Iesse Bee finished the Chapter, and read also the second and was neuer (in reading them, with anye more of the Voies fits) interrupted.

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Upon the one and twentieth of Aprill, though betwixt nine of the Clocke in the Morning, and two in the Afternoone hee had tenne Fittes, yet the last of them was most extreme ; in the middell of it hee would open his eyes amazedly, and presently clap both his hands vpon them, beeing ouerthrowne into most violent tormentis throughout all the parts of his bodie ; and beeing cast vpon his backe, hee threwe forth his legges fiercely, beating them against the ground vehemently : and after that lying in a quiet traunce, hee opened his mouth, saying ; Dost thou saye that thou wilt giue mee a Crowne, if I will worship thee ? I regard thee not nor thy Crowne ; for the Lord hath reserved a Crowne of righteousness for mee in Heauen.

Then (pausing awhile) hee spake again saying ; Dost thou saye thou wilt giue mee Townes and Countreyes, if I will worship thee ? Away Satan away, thou art a lyar, and the Father of lyes ; I will not beleue thee : away. Forthwith his mouth was closed vp, and his teeth set fast in his head, insomuch that hee laboured to haue opened them with his owne hands, but he could not, yet when hee had remayned awhile thus, the Lord (by his almightie power) opened his mouth, and he boldly sayd ; I charge thee (Sathan) in the name of the Father and of the Sonne.

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At which word his mouth was fast closed againe, yet was it not long befoze the Lorde (by his power) opened it againe. So he proceeded, saying; I charge thee tell mee what is thy mistres name? Hast thou thou wilt nor? and doost thou say thou wilt torment me ten times moze? No sooner wer these words spoken, but he was tormented above measure. Next day betwixt ten and one of the clock, he had two ordinarie fits, and at the loose of those, one extraordinary; in the which being ouerthrowne vpon his back, with his accustomed torments, he vttered these words: Wouldst thou haue me worship thee, thou liar, thou wicked wretch? thou art the father of all lies. I charge thee get from me, away, away. These words he vttered disdainfully, shaking his hands at him. And after he had paused a while, he said, Dost thou promise me all my desire? I will worship thee? Ah wicked tempter, I charge thee in the name of the father, &c. to tell me thy Mistres name? These words he vttered with an interrupted voyce; but repeated them presently verie courageously: saying also, And dost thou say thy Mistres hath giuen thee a draught of her blood? I am glad of it: for then shall I knowe her shortly. And dost thou say thou wilt torment me twice moze? At these words he was cast into two soze fits; so that sathan kept promise with him. His torments caused him skreame verie lowd and groane pittifully, flinging out his hands as though he fought with sathan, and stamping fiercely, as if he trode him vnder foote. This combat ended, he lay still about a quarter of an houre, & then hauing been a while tormented, lying on his backe, he said; Dost thou say because I bes thy mistres thou wilt torment me moze? At which words being spoke, he was cast into such torments, as were grievous to the beholders. And hauing overcome the extremitie of the same, he spake (with his eyes shut) saying; What doost thou saye I shall worship thee? thou hast no faith sathan, I will fight with thee with the word of the euerli.

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euerliuiny god, Auoid, auoid; I charge thee in gods name
 to get thee hence. Again after moze firs he said; what, dost
 thou say thou wilt make mee as strong as a Giant, and as
 rich as the greatest Potentate in þ world, if I will worship
 thee: the Lord my God can make me strong, & giue mee
 all good things. Hauing paused a litle, he spake again, say-
 ing; dost thou say if I wil not worship thee thou wilt make
 me a four-footed beaſt: that lieth not in thy power, ſince
 God hath made me a reaſonable creature: my faith ſathan
 is ſtrong. And, dooſt thou ſay thou wilt torment mee grie-
 uouſly for thy miſtreſſe ſake: Forthwith he was grieuouſ-
 ly tormented, crying out, A beare, a beare: his mouth was
 ſtretched out, and he rored ſiercely like a beare, crying out,
 he teareth me, he teareth me. Theſe torments ended, he lay
 amazedly, with the ſweat running downe his face. Being
 againe tormented, hee ſpake ſaying; wilt thou giue mee a
 land full of all frutes if I will worship thee: the Lord in
 heauen hath goods enough for me: thou diſt ſend a beare
 thy belhound to torment me: thou diſt tell mee I ſhould
 beare newes within 2. or 3. daies; doſt thou ſay thy miſtreſſe
 hath commanded thee not to be an hower from tormenting
 me, becauſe I vex her: is that thy netweſt: At theſe wordes
 he was preſently caſt into grieuouſ torments, ſtarting a-
 mazedly and crying out; Flames of fire, flames of conſu-
 ming fire: he threw away all things he could finde by gro-
 ping (for his eyes were ſhut) and wound himſelfe cloſe in
 the bed clothes. Scarcely had theſe torments an end, but o-
 thers began; wherein being grieuouſly afflicted, he cryed
 out, A ſterie dragon, a ſterie dragon. Theſe torments con-
 tinuing, hee ſaid; now thou ſoule fiend, now thou ſhewſt
 thy ſelf in thy likenes. Preſently he ſtrooke both his hands
 vpon his face, ſhrieking and crying fearfully, A ſipe, a ſipe.
 Being asked what he had ſcene in theſe conflicts: hee an-
 ſwered, manie & fearfull things, but remembred them not;
 neither could tell he ſpake, thogh he cald to minde a thing.

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spake to him. The 24. day about 11. of the clock he fell in to an extreame fit, which tooke him pittiufully in all parts of his bodie, making him roare like a beare. Being asked after the fit what he had scene: he answered a great beare came roaring vpon him. Foure fits more he had before 4. of the clocke; at which time Ma. Edw: Cockin came into the house, and finding him well, bade him read the 12. of Iohn: which he did, till he came to the 15. verse *I am glad for your sakes, that* &c. and then was he cast into a fit presently. Vpon this there came in another, desiring to see the like triall: so the Boy read till he came to the 25. ve. *I am the resurrection* &c. at which wordes he was againe ouerthowne. This desire that manie had to haue the boy read, that they might see him in his fits, sauoured but of a tempting curiositie, and is not warrantable. But to goe on. The Boyes torments continuing, Rob: Toone being altogether without hope of his recoverie; both because the Witch confessed nothing, and the man that promised help failed, whereat he grieved exceedingly. Panie perswaded him to send to diuers Witches, which he refused; but his wife purposed to attempt it, and sent for a messenger, who had before been employed by others in the like business. He found the Boy in a fit when hee came; and thereupon reiterated these wordes; who would suffer him to lye thus; & not seeke anie helpe hee could get? Whereunto, an honest man (not acquainted with their purpose) answered; To seeke helpe at a Witch, is wicked and dangerous. The messenger was pricked in conscience with his speech, and would not goe. Ro: Toone was not a litle glad they were stopped in so vnlawfull an enterpryse. This day also another had been with widdow Worthington the Witch of Hoppers, (unknownen to the Boyes friends) and brought this aunswere; that vnlesse the Boye and his friends beleeued her, she could do him no good: which thing they desired.

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The fire and twentieth of Aprill (after nine Fittes in the morning) about one of the clocke he was ouerthrowne into a verie soze ffitte, and in the same was greetonsly vexed and tormented. At the last hee spake thus; What dost thou saie, if I will worship thee, thou wilt make me a God: but if I will not, thou wilt make me a toad: Ie lieth not in thy power sahan to make me what thou wilt; but in the power of my Creator. And dost thou say thou wilt torment me twice: do thy worst, the Lord is my trust, and I know he can and wil deliuer me. Being then sodainly tormented, he did strugge most fiercely, roaring fearfully like a beare, crying A beare, a beare; and by and by, A dragon, a dragon. After this, he was quiet about a quarter of an hower, and then (vpon the sodaine) fell into the like torments, and spake (as before) saying; dost thou say thou hast brought mee good newes? I praye God it bee. And dost thou say if I will curse God, thou wilt release me of all my paynes and tormentes? What Sathan, wouldest thou haue mee curse my Creatour, which spared not to send his onely begotten Sonne Iesus Christ out of his bosome, to shed his most precious Blood for my sinne? Ah wicked Tempter, I charge thee in the name of the Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost, to tell me what is thy mistres name? Dost thou saie, thy mistresse hath rewarded thee, and therefore thou wilt torment mee more than euer thou biddest? I care not for thee a Strawe: what sathan, seek not to insult in thy subtile cruelties: for the Lord will release mee from thee when his god wil and pleasure is; and so (with some more tormentes) this Fit ended.

The next day he came that promised to cure the Boy, and to prooue her plainly (which was had in suspicion) to be a Witch. He wished Robert Toone onely to procure him a warrant to fetch her from the Gaole: promising, as hee hated all Coniuration and Inchauntment, so it should

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30. hee manifest what course hee tooke for effecting those mat-
 ters. This daye and both the next he had manie soze fits.
 Upon the last of April, between 2. and 3. in the afternoone
 he had 14 fits. At this time the witches libertie being pro-
 cured, she came to Towne, and was brought to the Boye :
 to whom she said, God helpe thee my childe ; whereuppon
 he was presently cast into most strange torments, differing
 both in manner and crueltie from the former. Three strong
 men could hardly hold him, he was so strong; he shaked pi-
 tifully, blearing out the tung, and hauing his neck so wry-
 then, that his face seemed to stand backward. This pitifull
 spectacle did wryng manie teares from the beholders. So
 from 3. till 9. at night he had 27. of these torments; & then
 they left him quaking and meruailously dismayed. These
 fits being layd to the Witches charge : she answered, that
 she indeed did vex the childe, but if they would forgive her,
 it should cease. Two of three went to Stapen-hill to see
 what the olde woman did this while ; suspecting she had a
 hand herein: when they came thither, they found her on her
 knees ; praying (no doubt) to the diuell. Upon the first of
 May, about 7. in the morning, he was cast into a fit. This
 was the daye wherein the Cunning man would make the
 Witch confesse, and a sennight after cure the Boy : so hee
 sent for her from the Towne Hal to Rob: Toones, where
 manie worshipful Personages were ready to see proofof
 his skill. Being brought, they laboured to make her con-
 fesse voluntarily : to whom she answered, this was the first
 that euer she committed ; and if they would procure her li-
 bertie, shee offered to confesse all the truth freely. Pre-
 sently her speech was interrupted, so that shee could not
 speake. but she prayed them to forgive her. When the man
 seeing this would not pruaile, fell to triall of his conclusi-
 on : hee put a paire of new shooes on her feete, setting her
 close to the fire, till the shooes being extreame hot, might
 constraune her thorough increase of the paine to confesse.
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This was his ridiculous practise, she being thoghly hated desired a release and she would disclose al; which granted, she confessed nothing. Being therefore threatened more sharply, she offered to reueale all privately to mistress Dethicke, and going with her into a parlour; when she began to speake her winde was stopped, so as shee could not say any thing, but, I pray you forgive me. By this it was xi. of the clocke, and the boy had had 8. fits, and was brought into the parlour where she was, who said, Thomas, I pray you forgive mee, and be good to mee. At which words hee fell into a maruellous soze fit. After which, the companie continued threatening and perswading him, but al she would say, was, she was soze for him, for she mistooke him, thinking him to be Sherratts boy, thinking to haue bin reuenged on him for breaking her egges. When they saw they could preuaile no more, they sent her againe to the Hall, and the company departed: after which the boy had 8. fits.

The next morning went Ierome Horabin. Edward Weigheman, mistress Caldwell with other to heare what confession she would make. At whose comming she spake thus; I met the boy in the wood, the first saterday in Lent, and passing by me, he called me witch of Stapen hill: unto whom I said, Every boy doth call me witch, but did I euer make thy arle to itch? Further she saide, I pray you get help for the boy, for Gods sake get help for the boy. Again she said, God giue mee grace to confesse the truth. And when she would haue spoken on, she said, I cannot, I cannot, my winde is stopped: Mistress Caldwell asked her if shee would be prayed for? Yes (quoth she) I pray you desire M^r. Eccarfall to pray for me, that the Lord would open my hart, that I may speake the truth. The 3. of Maie in the morning, Rob. Toone, Edw. Weightman, Rich. Teate and others, went againe to examine the witch, who confessed to them saying: The first saterday in Lent toward euening I met the boy in the wood, and he called me

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Witch of Scapen hill: and I saide againe, euerie boy dooth call me witch, but did I euer make thy arse to itch: forthwith I stouped to the ground, and the Diuell appeared to me in likenesse of a little partie-colored dog red and white, and I called him Minny, seeing that euerie boy calleth mee witch, therefore goe thy waies and torment this boy in euerie part of his bodie at thine owne pleasure, forthwith I strained euerie part of my bodie, enforcing my selfe to vomit, saying; After this sort, were euerie part of him. Further (saide she) the dog followed the boy to Burton, and as I returned from Winsell (whither I went to buie a groates worth of egges) he met me againe, telling me he had fulfilled my request, and at my pards end he departed from me; since when he hath bin diuers times with mee at Darbie Gable, and these two nights at Burton Hall, and continually he scratcheth my head, & scrapeth in the straw. Againe she said, the boy will not mend except you seek for help: you may haue help enough: he would haue spoken further, but something stopped her throat, and shee saide, come out thou soule serpent. From 8. til 2 the boy had 12 soze fits with pitiful groaning: at 3 came M. Hilderham of Ashby de la Zouch, with diuers o:her godly ministers. Hilderham after that by certaine questions, hee had made triall of the boys faith, said openly, that howsoeuer the Papists boasted much of the power their priests had to cast out diuells, and the simple euerie where noted it as a great discredit to the Ministers of the Gospel, that they do want this power, yet did he professe there was no such gift in them, that though the Lord oft in these daies, by the prayers of the faithful casts out diuels, yet could he not assure them to cure him. To holde this faith of myracles to remaine still in the church, is an opinion dangerous. That seeing to be possessed is but a temporall correction, & such as whereby both the glozie of God and the saluation of the partie may be furthered, it can not without sinne be absolutely

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lutely prayed against: al which notwithstanding, that there is a good vse of prayer in such a case, and of fasting also, to procure that the iudgement may be sanctified to the beholders, and the possessor himselfe; yea to obtain that he may be deliuered also from it, if the Lord see it be best for his owne glorie. In which perswasion, hee being the mouth of the rest, they all prayed, during which time the child was not interrupted.

¶ Whereas Alice Gooderige said her familiar was like one William Gregories dog of Stapen hill, there arose a rumor, his dog was her familiar: wherefore hee with his neighbour master Coxo went the next day to examine her concerning this report; and she saide, my diuel (I say) was like your dog. Now out upon thee (saide Gregorie) and departed: he being further examined, saide she had her familiar of her mother. The first of Haile hee had xii. fits in the forenoone, and x. in the afternoone; these last were as greuous as any before. After one of them taking the chamber pot, he started sodainely saying, looke where a man cometh out of the chamber pot. In another fit he cried out, flames of fire, flames of fire: and in another he said, I see the heauens open. In the most of these fits hee bleared out his tongue very blacke, hauing his face wry, then towards his backe, groaning and making lamentable; being asked if he remembred what was done, he said, it seemd to him he was wroong and tossed by and downe; after these fits he remained well til next morning. On friday he was by 7 a clocke cast into a fit; but about 8 he fell into maruellous strange torments, both for continuance and extraordinary crueltie, his tongue thrust out of his head, his mouth drawn awry, first toward one eare, then to another; his face very strangely disfigured. In his extremitie he made signes to the standers by to pray: and him selfe by folded hands and other gestures, gaue testimonie that the spirit of God was mightily laboring against his infirmities.

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By and by his eyes opened, & what euer he catcht he (as it seemd) threw it against sathan, and strait they being shut vp again, so that he could not open them with his fingers, which he indououred, his mouth was opened, & he said, O pray pray, neuer moze need to pray; so the company ioyned in humble & hartty praier: but he hearing them not (thogh they praied lowd) saide; whie do you not pray? Presently his mouth being shut, and his teeth set fast in his head, he stamp (as it were) in triumph of Sathan, and lifting his hands towards heauen, stroke them with reuerence on his breast. Sathans raging against him did increase in such maner as caused the beholders to shed tears abundantly, for they could no sooner imagin a ceasing, but strait his fit began againe: and this conflict lasted long, in which space, he oft uttered these wordes; do what thou canst sathan, this shal doe thee no good: Is it so? and such like. And after obtaining the vse of his tongue, he proceeded saying, Auoyde sathan, I haue vpon my head the helmet of saluation, and I am girded about with truth. Iesus Christ hath shed water and blood for my sins, & I sweat but water. O Lord thy apostles were whipt & scourged for thy truth, & they departed, reioycing that they were accounted woorthy to suffer for thy names sake. And now (O Lord) I reioyce that thou accountest me woorthie to suffer these cruell torments. Presently he fel into torment againe; at the last lying on his backe quietly, he desired the standers by to sing the first psalme, and so they did, he singing with them verie cheerefully. While they were singing, he oft was interrupted and ioyned with them againe toward the ende: hauing laine in a trance, so that they could scarcely perceiue anie motion, he said; I see the heauens open, hearken, I heare a heauenlie noise, and lying still a while, he met with them at the 10. ver. *And now my foes, that (qd he) is sathan* and so continued singing til the psalme was ended: all the psalme thogh he sweat exceedingly, & dyed his face as if he

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he had not bin in his fir. After this, he desired them to pray for him whilst he lay down & slept, and so fell into a trance: hauing laine still a while, he set to quaking & starting fearefully saying: Dost thou say my sinnes are great, Sathan? The Lamb of God hath taken them awaie: diuers other interrupted speeches he vitered, and slumbered againe. At length he cried out, Wild hoxles, wild hoxles; they teare me, they teare me; and then was he tormented ouer al the partes of his bodie. After that he slept somewhat slumberingly, hauing a most beauenly and ioyfull vision. When he awaked he looked cheerefully: and being asked what he saw in these trances, he could not call anie thing to minde.

This daie he was cast into seuen cruel fits exceeding all he had before: for besides that his mouth was drawen awrie, and he in euerie part vexed, his shoulder bones were thrust out of ioynt, with other torments most lamentable: thus they ended, for he remained til xi. a clocke grievously vexed, and almost without intermission. In these his torments, being (for the most part) senselesse, he vsed to viter diuers interrupted speeches, some fearefull, others comfortable; the standers by beeing requested of him, to sing psalmes and pray, he many times had his eares shut, and his mouth stoppt, so that he could neither heare nor speake, yet he would come with them in prayer and singing so long as he could without interruption. When he was fully recovered, he looked very cheerefully, giuing God thanks for his assistance: they asked him many questions concerning his trances, but he could remember nothing that was done. On the nineteenth day of Maie he fell into trances mixed with torments, in which as hee suffered grievous paines, so did he viter many strange speeches, sometime he was so wretched, that no beholder thought it possible for him to liue; sometime he lay so still, that there scarce appeared any signe of life in him. After he had laine a while in a trance he saide; *My Saviour Christ Iesus was tempted,*

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and why then should not I bee so? Pawzing a while hee said, I heare a voyce from heauen. the Lorde speaketh to me: and pawzing againe, he held by his handes (his eyes being fast closed) and saide, Looke where my brother Iob is. Then opened he his eyes, but his mouth was fast shut: he would haue opened it with his handes, but could not: Then pawzing a little, he said, no, no, I will not. The Lord hath flatly forbidden it in his word: so lying a while he saide, heauen openeth, heauen openeth, I must goe thither: then clapping his hands for ioy he said, I see Christ Iesus my Saviour, his face shined as the Sonne in his strength, I will goe salute him, and inderde he did rise going apace, with such strength, that his keepers could scarcely stay him: presently he fell a trembling and stamping, crying, a dog, a dog, for Gods sake take away this dog, away with this filthy dog that came out of hell: and after a pittifull screaming he saide; Oh Haister Hilder Sham, I thought he would haue torne me in peeces, preach iudgment against all sinners, flames of fire, flames of fire; See Haister Hilder Sham, preach and teach, Oh fast and pray night and day. After these speeches, he clapt his handes, looking cheerefully, though his eyes were closed, saying: Christ Iesus my Saviour commeth clothed in purple; then seemed he (by his gestures) to embrace him, saying: Holy is thy name; thy name (Lorde Iesus) is to be exalted for euermore, I haue seene such sights, O Lorde Iesus bless me from them. Presently he was overtaken againe with feare, saying: Dost thou say this is the bottomlesse pitte where the damned be? Haister Hilder Sham, we had need to pray, O preach and pray: Strait after he looked cheerefully euen with admiration, saying: Thy name O Lorde Iesus is to be exalted aboue all things, thy name is to be blessed for euer. Lying a while in a trance, he clapped his handes saying, Oh, oh, Christ Iesus my saviour and his Apostles: Then seemed hee to embrace the Apostles, and worship

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worship our Sauiour saying, O Lord Iesus thou sufferest
 for my sake; thy name be praised, yea, I say from my
 heart, thy name be praised. By and by turning his head, he
 pointed saying, Looke where Iudas is sitting in torment.
 After this he fell againe into a traunce, and lay as hee had
 bin dead, but spake fearefully thus; Ah looke in this place
 of torment where drunkards are hanged by the throats,
 swearers and filchie talkers by their tongues: and hauing
 spoken of other tormentes for other sins, he saide, O great
 iudgements, great iudgements, which wayes he uttered
 so woefully, as if he had bene in the iawes of hell; and on
 the contrary, so comfortably, as if he had bene in heauen.
 After this falling into a traunce, hee started sodainely and
 saide, Ponder comes mother Redde Cap, looke how they
 brate her braines out, see what it is to be a witch: see how
 the coades gnaw the flesh from her bones. O pray, pray,
 looke what wailing, and weeping, and gnashing of teeth
 ponder is: Lord shew vs thy mercie; take me by the hand
 Maister Hildersham, and let vs goe to heauen: thus this
 fit ended after halfe an houre; being asked what he had bin
 doing, he answered, he had bene sleeping, for he remem-
 bered nothing. Hauing bene well about a quarter of an
 houre, he fell into a quiet traunce, and at length saide: O
 Maister Hildersham, looke where Gods chariot is come
 to fetch you and me, see how God loueth vs: by and by he
 beganne to quake, and cried; Lo, lo, the Greene Cat comes
 out of hell: then falling into a quiet trance, he saide, looke
 where the 7 churches be, and presently he skritchted saying;
 Lo, lo, 7 ugly diuells, looke, they goe downe to the bot-
 tomlesse pit. Pauzing againe he saith, See see how many
 kings and rich men go to hel, euen they that were so brane,
 and fared so daintily, and were so stowt. After this hee fell
 into a trance, saying; come M. Hildersham, the Lord bids
 vs come, let vs go, and so he went on, and could hardly be
 staide: but straightway his ioy turnd into heauines, for hee

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to haue bodily combats with his spirituall enemy. These fits ended he remained well a quarter of an houre: then falling into a sodaine trance, he said with trembling; Ha, ha, ha, I tolde you of this before, that after ioy cometh sorrow. Looke you how I am tormented. What I could see my saviour Christ Iesus. Forthwith he arose clapping his hands with great ioy, and saide; Looke where he cometh, thy name be praised, thy name be praised. Anone he had a comfortable vision of the day of iudgement; crying aloud, The trumpets sound, see see, the graues open, the dead arise, and al men come to iudgement; hark how the Angells cry, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Then pausing a little he saide, Looke looke how the wicked lie away like a flocke of doves, yet see a flame of fire ouertake them. After much varietie of fits he cried, a fierie Dragon, a fierie Dragon teareth me in peeces, oh hee teares me, he teares me: and with these torments did this fit end betweene twelue and one. About thre he fell into a trance and torments like the former: for after he had spoken fearefully of the torments of the damned, he burst into pittifull speeches quaking saide; Looke where scuen diuels are, looke where a roaring lion is. Then he fel into a quiet trance; and forthwith clapped his hands, saying; I see a milke white dove flying towards me. see where my Sauour cometh, his face shineth as the Sunne. These wordes vttered, he was againe terrified, and so with some more torments and trances this fit ended. The two daies following he had many fits and some trances, vttering the like speeches as before. The xii. of Maie he was removed from his vnckle M. Saunders house at Caldwell being 3. miles distant, where he had sixe fits. From the 13. to the 23. he was handled after his accustomed manner. The 23. of Maie, he was cast into eighteene fits worse than the former; for his shoulder bones were thrust out of ioynt, his mouth drawne awrye; and amongst other complaints, hee cried

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cried out of his legs, saying they thrust pinnes into them. And this is worthe the obseruation, that commonly (vpon the Sabbath) when the boy was remembred by prayer in godly Assemblies, Sathan did shewe his extreamest crueltie. The 24. and 25. he was tormented much like the day before. The 26. he was assaulted more fiercely, both in respect of the number and qualitie of his fits & torments, in which he did oftentimes crie out, saying; Looke where sathan commeth from vnder the bed: & oftentimes Thunder, thunder; Lightning, lightening; Flaines of fire, flames of consuming fire; A beare, a beare; A dragon, a dragon; looke where sathan comes downe by chimney, looke, looke; for Gods sake take me from him. And thus in these terrible fits this daye passed. The next daye there came one Iohn Dorell (a faithfull Preacher of the Word) to him; who seeing him in diuers of his fits, assured his friends and him he was possessed with an vnclean spirit; telling him (out of S. Iames 4. chapt. vers. 7.) that the onely way for his deliuerance was to resist sathan; in which if he failed, he should sin against God: because it was a breach of a Commandement, *Resist the diuell &c.* That for his further encouragement, he had a promise of victorie, in that it is said, *he will or shall see;* That by the diuell is not to be vnderstood onely the temptations of the diuell, but euen sathans verie person. And proceeding to confirme the Childes faith in this Resistance, he afterwards exhorted his Parents and the whole Familie to prepare themselves against the next day to that holy exercise of Prayer and Fasting; alledging (to put by all doubts) the words of Christ, *This kinde goeth not out but by Prayer & Fasting.* Where too they being verie willing, importuned Iohn Dorell for his presence and assistance. To which he answered, his assistance in Prayer and Fasting they should haue, but not his presence, as well to auide note of vainglorie; as also for he saw no such necessitie by reason of the

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Childers firme saith: neuertheles giuing them order for
 their Exercise, and appointing them the helpe of a Booke
 called The Enemye of Securitie, & putting them in good
 comfort, he foretold them what interruptions were likely
 to follow by the Euemies rage: and (saith he) when you
 shall see these things come to passe (which inderde fell out
 accordingly) then know ye for certaintie as he is possessed
 (which his frendes at Cawdwall stode in doubt of), so
 looke that deliuerance is at the dooze; and therefore saint
 not in the mid-way. Thus he departed. The next day, the
 family with some others in the feare of God being toge-
 ther, the holy Exercise of Prayer and Fasting was taken
 in hand: and (after some Prayer bled for the assistance of
 Gods Spirit, and praying for the remission of sinnes) he
 was verie grievously and often tormented; & (by meanes
 of his fits and torments) much interrupted therein, spend-
 ing much time about the same. A Prayer against the temp-
 tations of Sathan was bled; and in the beginning thereof
 he was presently taken with a dumb fit: and coming to
 himselfe, he began to pray againe; and his fits came again
 and againe so oft as he came to any substantiall Joynt. Af-
 ter a while he fell into a trance, and at length a small voice
 came from him saying; Brother *Glassap*, we cannot pre-
 uaille, his faith is so strong, and they fast and pray, and
 a Preacher prayeth as fast as they. After these words,
 he fell into a fit, and so into a trance, a voyce being heard
 fro him (big & hollow) saying; Brother *Radulphus*, I wil
 goe vnto my master *Belzebub*, and he shall dubble their
 tungs. Then beginning againe to pray, hee fell into a fit,
 and after into a trance: after ward coming to himself, he
 pointed towards the chimney, saying; Loe where *Belze-
 bub* standeth, & the witch by him. I charge thee in þ name
 of the Father the Sonne and the Holy Ghost, to tell mee
 whether this bee thee that did bewitch mee or no? Dooost
 thou say it was thee? Now the Lord (I beseech him) for-
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giue her, & I forgive her. Further he said; I charge thee in the name of the Father the Sonne and the Holy Ghost to get thee from me, & come no more at me: for it is written, *Resist the diuell, and hee will flye from thee:* and presently he sayd; He is gone, he is gone. Then prayed he againe, and (at the third word) was throwne into a fit and a Traunce: wherein a voyce was heard from him (hys mouth being wyde open, as still it was when these voyces were vttered) saying; *Radulphus, Belzebub* can doo no good, his head is stricken off with a word: but I wyll goe fetch the flying Eagle and his flock. Presently after these words, he fell into another fit and a traunce: and (lying so) sayd; I see an Angell in the window, like a milke white Dove, sent from the Lord to bee with mee to comfort and assist vs: but that is nothing in respect of the Lord himselfe.

Then (beginning to pray againe) he fell into a fitte and a Traunce: in the which one of the olde voyces was heard from him, saying; We cannot preuaile, let vs goe out of him, and enter into some of these heere. This voyce came twice, and it made the Standers by asrayde. Then (reading againe) hee fell into a Traunce: and the former voyce was heard from him, speaking verie hollowly (as both those vnmaturall voyces not vttered by hymselfe were) and saying; I would they were all gone but one that is among them: and then wee should doo well enough.

Then hee read againe, and (being cast into a trance) one of those voyces was heard, saying; There is a Woman earnest at prayer, get her away. One in the Company (called Iohn Alsop) answered aloud and sayde; Wee cannot spare her: yet did none of them all that were there know that shee was praying; till (looking backe) they saw her earnestly at prayer in a corner being behynde them.

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Beginning againe to read, hee was sodainly cast into a traunce, and a voyce was heard which sayd; He shall bee tormented till to morow at night, do God & you what you can: but Sathan was proued a liar. Recouering, & reading againe, he was againe snatched into his traunce, the voyce being heard againe, saying; Wee cannot preuaile, wee cannot preuaile, their Church increaseth: at which time came in two to ioyne in Prayer with y^e Companie. After this, reading againe, he fell into a traunce, and a voyce was heard from him saying; Here cometh one of my people: with that they looked back, and were ware of a man of bad life comming into the parlor; and albeit the Boy was in his fit, yet he made signes with his hand to the Companie to get him away; which one of them perceiuing did so. Presently he awaked and read, and was interrupted by a trance, wherein a voyce said; Teare the booke, teare the booke: and with that (although his eyes were closed) he snatched at the Booke (which one had in his hand) and tare forth one leafe of it: which thing also from that time till two of the clocke, he attempted in euerie of his fits; & being restrained (by reason that one held the Booke, and another his hands) hee would bite strike and spurne them with his feete at the beginning of his fits: wherein he was farre stronger than he was wont, and his torments more exceeding in greatnes & number. Betwene 8 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon his countenance was strange. Iy disfigured, his mouth set wide open, & sometime drawne awzie, his face turned backward, and his armes and sholders thrust out of ioynt: in which time he had one fit and trance, wherein a voyce sayd; Wee cannot preuaile, for they will not be holpen with Witches. Brother Radolphus we cannot preuaile: let vs goe to our mistres and torment her, I haue had a draught of her blood to day, Forthwith it ceased, and straight waies he was in a trance againe, and a small voyce was heard, saying; I will stop thy

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thy mouth, I will stop thy mouth : at which instant hee was so stopped in his throate, that the Companie thought he had been strangled. In another fit, a boyce said ; Your prayers preuaile not, they are not heard. Wherunto M^r. Rampam (Schoolmaster of Burton) replied ; Thou art a liar sathan, for it is written: *Wherefoeuer two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them, &c.* About two of the clocke hee had a meruailous strange fit, tormenting him most pittifully : in the ende whereof he strained to cast with great vehemencie, and got by some steame and choller ; at which time, if he were possessed with two spirites, (as it is probable he was) one of them went out of him. So from 2. till 4. his fits continued vnd decreasing in strength, and being without speeches. About 3. the Companie perceiving him to bee faint, perswaded him to eate somewhat to refresh him: which he did (hauing touched neither meate nor drinke of all the whole day before) : but before & after his meate he said the Lords Prayer, and other Prayers in the Booke (which hee before had assaied to read and could not) without anie interruption. About 6. a clocke (being carried on his Keepers back, for he had no vse of his legs of thre months before) his fit came vpon him verie sodainly, & he cried out like a beare. The standers by betooke themselves to Prayer. During this fit hee had manie miserable torments, causing him to roare and shrike extreamply. Many such senselesse trances on this daye of his deliuerance he had, as yeelded no signe of life, saue that his heart might be discerned to pant a little. At last (being laid vpon his bed) anone hee began to heaue and lift vehemently at his stomacke, and getting by some steame and choller, (poynting with his finger and following with his eyes) hee said ; Looke, looke, see you not the House that is gone out of my mouth: and so poynted after it vnto the furthest part of the parlor. Then hee fell into a quiet trance ; which ended, he was well till 7. a clocke : at

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which time he and 2. or 3. more went to supper: and as he sat at the table he fell into a trance, and was thence carried to bed; as he lay there, a Voice was heard, saying; *My Son arise vp and walke, the euill spirit is gone from thee; arise and walke.* Upon this accident his Keeper said; let vs see if he can goe betwixt vs. But he answered no; I can goe of my selfe. I thanke God: and so (standing on his feet) went presently forward without any difficultie. And considering with himselfe his blessed change of his miserable estate, (of his owne accord) he fell flat vpon the ground, giuing God thanks for his wonderfull deliuerance, and that in such excellent manner, as was to bee admired by a child. But no doubt, the same Spirit which armed him with faith and patience in the time of his torments, instructed him how to giue thanks and pray. Being thus fully recovered, he went presently into the towne, that it might appeare what Iesus had done for him, to the praise of his glorie; and admiration of those that had been acquainted with his meruitious affliction.

The next morning Robert Toone went to the Gaole, and demanded of the Keeper how he did: O master quoth he, neuer worse: for I haue had such an Ague this night, that I had thought my ioints would haue been torn in sunder. They that dwell by the prison, could not sleepe for the noise that was there that night; so that it is like the diuell was as good as his word, when he said he would torment her.

After he was thus mercifully deliuered, he staid the next day at Cawdwall, & from thence went to his grandfather. Walkedens at Clifton; whether the aforesaid John Dorell repaired vnto him, and counselled him to be now most heedfull, least the uncleane spirit returning, and his heart emptie of faith, doing 7. worse than himselfe with him, as our Saul, expresseth; assuring himselfe Satan would strue to represse him.

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Iohn Dorell departing, the Boy abode at Chifon till the 5. of June, which day he returned to Burton. There the 6. day (being the Sabbath) and the 7. hee spent in religious exercise. The 8. he went to Schoole, from whence sathan had long kept him. In the afternoone sitting at his book, he said unto his fellows; if you will goe with me into the Church-yard, I will shew you a strange thing. Whereupon they went into the Schoole Church, (which their Master disliked not, because they had their Bookes in their hands) where after he had walked a while, hee sat downe and said he was wearie, and presently complained of one of his legs. euen crying out: which his Master hearing, came to him; and remembering his former trialls, prayed, mouing the Child to say after him, *O Lord for Iesus Chrilles sake haue mercie vpon me.* But he most cried, *O my legs, my legs.* Here is to bee noted, that how euer sathan greeduously assaulted him, yet did he not once torment him, because he was not (as before) in him which also some of the Boyes words confirmed.

Being brought home to his Uncles, (manie following and flocking after him) hee groaned pittifully, crying also, *Daggers, daggers:* and at length he said (with a fearfull countenance) *I am afraid of Sathan.* The companie did encourage and comfort him against such temptations, perswading him to pray; which thing he persourmed wth great difficultie, crying as before *O my legs, O my legs.* They being instant vpon him to pray, he pointed with his finger saying; *What woman is that which standeth there?* Still they urged him with prayer: and while they expected it; he said; *what a thundring is here?* *I cannot abide this thundring.* Then fell he into a trance, and hauing layne a while, a voyce was heard from him saying; *Hee fel a little and I caught him.* By and by awaking hee rose vp amazedly and said; *Where am I. I was euen now in the schoole: but they told him what had happened, so he came downe.*

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down from his bed; and feeling himselfe well, he prayed & read a chapter quietly, and so remained well all that night. The next morning the Boyes Uncle thought it verie convenient to laboꝝ by Prayer to remooue this heauie displeasure of God, and the danger of these temptations; where with the Boy began againe to be assailed: & to that end sent foꝝ two of his neighbors, & spent an houre in prayer & reading the Scriptures. At last as the Boy was reading, he stopt, saying; what woman is that which stands there? They perswaded him to goe on, and not regard the illusions of sathan. So he read on, and was presently cast into a trance: and after he had laine a while said; Behold I see a Lambe, heaſke what the Lambe ſaith; *Thou didst fall & he caught thee: feare not, the Lord is thy buckler and defender.* After this hee read on, and within a little space fell againe into a quiet trauunce, saying; Dost thou say if I wil worship thee, thou wilt make me vnderstand the secrets of all mens hearts? Anoyd Sathan, it is hid from thee: the Lord onely is the searcher of the hearts and reynes. Then did he read againe, and forthwith was cast into a trance, saying; What faire woman is this, that is so gorgeously apparailled? Dost thou say thou wilt giue her mee if I wil worship thee? Anoyd Sathan, I neither care foꝝ her noꝝ thee: the Lord is my comfort, and him onely will I worship: the Lamb and the Dove desire not to be worshipped, but thou alwaies desirest worship. Againe he read & fell in a trance, saying; Dooſt thou ſaye if I will ſweare an oath thou wilt giue me a hundred pounds? Anoyd sathan, wouldſt thou haue me take Gods name in vaine? I wyll not. He read againe, and at the third word was snatched into his trance, saying; wouldſt thou giue me a bag full of gold and ſiluer, if I will neuer read noꝝ pray vnto God a-nie moꝝe? Anoyd sathan, I neither regard thy gold noꝝ ſiluer; the Lord and his Word is better to mee than all the gold and ſiluer in the world.

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They offered him the booke againe, and he falles presently into a trance, saying; wouldest thou haue mee teare the booke? I will not teare it doe what thou canst: wilt thou teare him in peeces that continueth reading? (he meant Richard Teate, who read forward when the boy was interrupted.) Sathan thou canst not touch him, the Lorde will not suffer thee to hurt a haire of his head. Hee was strait after these wordes snatched into his trance, and said; Dost thou bid me open my mouth? what if I do open my mouth? dost thou say thou wilt enter into me? Answere Sathan, thou canst not enter into me, except the Lorde giue thee leaue; and I trust hee will not. Againe after this hee falleth into a trance saying, come maister Hilderham, let vs sike goe to heauen: at which time there were iust six in the parlour. Then fell he againe before hee could reade two wordes into a trance, and said; what Sathan, wouldest thou haue me become a traitor? God defend. These wordes proceeded from him with great vehemencie and earnestnesse of spirite. Then pausing a while he saith againe; Dost thou say, that when I am asleepe thou wilt plucke out my throat? I care not for thee; thou canst not touch a haire of my head, except God giue thee leaue. Againe, being in a trance hee saide; dost thou say thou wilt set the house on fire and burne vs all? do thy worst, Sathan, thou canst not touch our soules. Then he read againe, and at the second word started amazedly, saying; looke where the Beare cometh, looke looke, do you not see how he cometh against vs with open mouth? hee how he roareth, then saide he, Answere Sathan, and get thee hence: yea, I charge thee in the name of the euerming God to get thee hence. They offer him the booke againe, and he read not three wordes, but he was ouertaken with a quiet trance; wherein lying a while, hee saide, Oh I see a milke white Dove: the Dove saith, Feare not, you shall haue better newes. Againe he beganne to reade, and againe hee was

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snatched into his trance, and saide, Dost thou say the Lord hath giuen thee leaue to enter into mee. Quoyde Satban thou art a liar, I know he will not suffer thee to enter into me. Againe, after he offered to reade, he was cast into a trance, and lying very quietly he saith; hearken ho, looke what a faire Doue is there: the Doue saith the diuell belseth enemies towards me: hearken hearken what the Doue saith, thou hast an enemy heere vpon earth, that saith thou art a dissembler, he shall scie in hell tormentes, thine eyes shall see his iudgements, for his sinnes doe smooke by into the elements, and do pierce the heauens. Then pausing againe a while he saith, hearken what the Doue saith, wher soeuer the glorie of God is shewed, there is alwayes some enemies to resist it. He beganne to reade againe, but at the third word fell into a trance saying: what, dost thou say thou wilt torment me: dost thou say thou wilt carry me into a wood, and cast me out at the window: My Redeemer liueth, the Lord of hostes is his name, I feare thee not; remember that Satban, and pausing a while he saith, O, Hilderthain, see see how the world passeth away, yea it must passe away, it hasteth on apace. Then beignes he to reade againe, and at the third word is cast into a trance, & at length he saith, See what a little of Gods word doth, how it chaseth him away: see see how Satban flieth away. Againe being about to reade, he started sodainely, and said this booke is a flame of fire, and presently hee fell into a trance, saying, Wouldst thou haue me teare the Booke? Quoyde Satban, I will not teare it. Then lying still and pausing a while he saide at length; Looke where the doue cometh, hearken what the doue saith, The Lord thy God hath tied thy enemy Satban fast in a chaine, vnles thou fall againe, he shall neuer tempt thee, hold fast and forget not: the child continued his speech saying: O Lambe of God that takest away the sinnes of the world, thy name be praised, thy name be magnified and extolled for evermore.

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Forthwith he opened his eies, and taking the Booke, he read very cheerefully a good space. Then did hee and all the companie ioyning with him humble themselves before the Lord God, glorifying and praising his holy name, for his comfortable presence, & gracious assistance in this myraculous worke, and so hauing continued in prayer a good while, the boy at last arose, finding the dones words true, and himselfe very well, both in mind and bodie, and so (thanks be to God) he hath remained euer since, which the Lord continue to his owne glorie, the ioy of the godly, and the childes comforte, Amen. Now the Witch is dead, had she liued, she should haue bin executed.

F I N I S.

Shortly you shall haue the true storie come foorth of those seuen in Lancashire that were possessed with vncleane spirites. and all seuen deliuered at one time by this man,



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